

VOLUNTOWN SELECTMEN'S MEETING
Regular Meeting held on May 22, 2007

Regular Meeting	The Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held on Tuesday, May 22, 2007 at the Voluntown Town Hall. Mr. Grimm, First Selectman, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
Selectmen Present	Gilbert G. Grimm, Ronald J. Millovitsch, Robert A. Sirpenski
Town Officials Present	Jody Grenier, Cheryl Miner, Robert Ruppel of the Voluntown Community Ambulance Association; Flora Harman, of the Economic Development Commission.
Citizens Present	Audience
Approval of Minutes	
Motion	A motion was made (Ronald Millovitsch, Robert Sirpenski) to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on May 8, 2007 as submitted. Unanimously voted.
Citizens Comments	None
Old Business	
Lifeguards – Phone	Mr. Grimm noted that the pay phone at Beach Pond has been removed and with the beach season starting this weekend, he is obtaining cell phones for the lifeguards to use in emergencies.
New Business	
Ambulance	Representatives of the Voluntown Community Ambulance Association approached the BOS regarding mechanical problems they have had with their ambulance. The \$130, 000 ambulance was purchased approximately 1 ½ years ago and has 11,000 miles on it. It has been in for repairs seven times, three after breakdowns on Route 395 with a patient onboard. The last time it was in the garage it was necessary to pull the engine, which is apparently the cause of most of the problems. Mr. Grenier passed out a notice from “Fire News” which detailed the problems ambulances across the country are having with these engines. He noted that Ford has ceased production of these engines and although they assure them they will stand behind the engine, they cannot get anything in writing to that effect. The ambulance commission noted their first concern was for the patients involved, but they are also worried about liability. They stated that at this point if the breakdowns continue they will have no choice but to trade the ambulance. This would obviously put a strain on Town and Fire Department finances and they asked the BOS to contact the Town Attorney, as well as Representative Mikutel and Attorney General Blumenthal for help. The BOS agreed to help in whatever way they could.
Youth Horse Show	Flo Harman, sponsor of the annual Youth Horse Show, approached the BOS regarding moving the Horse Show to Constitution Field next year. She noted that Mr. Millovitsch, Road Foreman, had to mow the State field the morning of the show because it was not ready. The Fire Dept. also noted it would be easier for them if the event was held in town. After discussion, it was agreed to hold the event at the lower end of Constitution Field, on a trial basis, next year. Mrs. Harman noted that the event raised over \$300 which will be donated to juvenile diabetes.
Bad Check Policy	Mr. Millovitsch noted that the Town recently received two checks that did not clear the bank. The Town does not have a written policy regarding this problem and after discussion it was agreed to adopt the policy used at the Transfer Station. The policy reads as follows: “It shall be the policy of the Town of Voluntown that in the event of a check returned to the town for insufficient funds that;

A letter shall be written to the individual(s) writing the check demanding payment, in cash or certified cashiers check in the original amount, plus any bank fees, plus a \$25.00 administrative fee. The letter shall further state that payment will be made to the Town of Voluntown within thirty (30) days of the letters date, or the check will be turned over to the Connecticut State Police for investigation and prosecution.”

Any Other Business

Property Tax Refunds
Motion

A motion was made (Ronald Millovitsch, Robert Sirpenski) to approve refunds of excess property tax payments as follows: Albert & David Thornton, \$1546.02; Anne K. North, \$11.12; Ronald Daigneault, \$10.92; Tomas A. & Desiree Garcia, \$9.01; Brent Alan Hursey, \$436.89; William & Bobbie Ann Potopowitz, \$7.92; Richard J. & Rosalyn C. Lachapelle, \$35.28; Robin Chatterton, \$60.34; Holly K. & Anthony R Damm Dimino, \$1500.66; Lucien G. Boutin & Patricia A. Chattell, \$79.38. Unanimously voted.

Adjournment

Motion

A motion was made (Robert Sirpenski, Ronald Millovitsch) to adjourn the meeting
The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m. Unanimously voted.

Respectfully submitted by:

Approved for distribution by:

Roxanne Gray, Admin. Asst. to the BOS

Gilbert G. Grimm, First Selectman